

said phone is operable without power being supplied to said phone, said device comprising:

a remote modem at said second network interface connected to said subscriber link and in communication with said local modem over said subscriber link, said remote modem and said local modem using a second range of frequencies in said frequency spectrum;

a switch for selectably connecting a remote end of said wire pair to said port directly, said phone being connected directly to said remote modem through said wire pair at the remote end of said wire pair; and

a controller for controlling said switch, said controller closing said switch responsive to an occurrence of a failure of one of said remote modem and the local modem.

11. (New) A safety device for a multiple access subscriber link over a wire pair connecting a subscriber server including a local modem to at least first and second network interfaces, said first network interface having a port directly connectable by a conductor to a phone using a first set of frequencies in a frequency spectrum of said subscriber, such that said phone is operable without power being supplied to said phone, said device comprising:

a remote modem at said second network interface connected to said subscriber link and in communication with said local modem over